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TRAIN 109 WRECKED

The World Editor was in Chair Car When Accident Occurred.

COUPLER OF THE TENDER BROKE

Soft Track and High Speed Caused the Smashup Tuesday at 3:15 A. M.—No Passengers Killed.

Last Monday evening we left Topeka at 7:50 on train No. 109 enroute home after an absence of two weeks. During our stay we traveled by rail in the neighborhood of 3,000 miles, and with in six miles of home were caught in one of the worst wrecks the Union Pacific railroad has ever had, and to get out of it without a scratch was miraculous.

Train No. 109 is considered the fastest train running between Kansas City and Denver, its average speed considering stops between points is 40 miles per hour, to make this schedule at times it would be necessary for the train to make a speed of 60 miles per hour, which it does.

The train consisted of baggage, smoker, chair, tourist, diner and Pullman car. The train was running at the rate of about 35 miles per hour when it struck a piece of soft track about six miles east of town, the tender jumped the track, the engineer turned on the emergency brakes and in less time than we can tell it, the tender broke from the engine and when we jumped out of the window next to the smoker bumpers we beheld the tender, baggage and smoker turned over lying in the ditch, the chair and tourist cars left the track about 20 feet but did not turn over. All that saved the chair car from turning over was the wedging in or V shape made at the end of each car; this wedge held the chair car and when it left the track it seemed to glide off onto the bank. The chair car was full of men and women and they were panic stricken for a minute, but they soon realized the worst was over. We sat next to the toilet and was riding backward, we could feel the engineer put on the emergency brakes, the grinding of iron, then the crash. We held onto the seat like grim death, and the feeling as we glided along to the embankment cannot be expressed on paper. The diner and Pullman stayed on the track.

No one can imagine the horror incident to a wrecked train. The conductor and porters were soon at work removing the injured in the smoker, and it wasn't long until all were out of the car. It was a sight to behold—some had scars on their heads, others were holding their sides and backs, and taking it all in all they were a brave lot of passengers. The injured were removed to the Pullman where Dr. O'Donnell and Miss Lord (a nurse) of Ellsworth, did all in their power to relieve those injured.

The engineer realizing he had no time to fool away ran his engine to Wa-Keeney on what steam he had left and gave the alarm. About 45 minutes after the wreck occurred Drs. Jones, Herrick and Davidson arrived in autos from town, also Fritz and August Staats, Minor Poffenberger, Joe Reeder, Stan Straw, Ray Nelson, Chase Wilson and Rev. McKeen of Salina were the first to arrive at the scene of the wreck. The doctors set to work and soon had those injured resting as easy as could be expected under the circumstances.

An engine from Ellis arrived later with Dr. Blake and officials of the road. The diner and Pullman were taken to Ogallah.

The engineer and fireman returned to the scene of the wreck with the section men from Wa-Keeney on hand cars. The first question asked by Engineer Rippey was: "Is there anybody killed," and as the answer was "no," he seemed to be relieved, as when he left the wreck he was sure some one was killed.

The most miraculous escape of all was the baggage man. He said he piled the baggage in the one end of the car and the express for Wa-Keeney was close to the door and when the crash came he rolled over and the ex-

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press was piled on top of him. At first he said he was not hurt, but later we learned he was bruised up considerably.

The most fortunate person in the wreck was C. J. Botsford of Salina. He left the chair car and went into the smoker compartment about five minutes before the wreck and as the smoker was wedged into the chair car we don't see how he escaped being killed as there was just room enough left for him to crawl out of the window of the compartment. He couldn't explain how he got out himself. He had a cut on his hand and was hurt internally.

About fifteen persons were injured in the wreck, and as they were in no mood to talk when we left we did not learn their names.

Those from Wa-Keeney in the wreck were Hays Porter, Carter Brown and the pencil pusher of this moral guide. The two first mentioned were in the smoker, Hays Porter received a few slight bruises while Carter Brown got a good shaking up. The claim agent settled with Porter and Brown and we were so fortunate that we don't want any of the U. P.'s money.

We are glad to get back home; we traveled over considerable country and to those who are thinking of leaving western Kansas take a fool's advice and stay here. This is the best country on earth for poor men to make a stake. Stay with Trego county and you will make good in the end.

Public Service Statements

Electric light customers will receive service statements in a day or two. Pay promptly, before the matter is forgotten and the penalty added. Should there be a mistake in your statement, pay the sum named to the city treasurer and bring the receipted statement to the city clerk for adjustment, or an explanation of any matter you do not understand. If in the future you wish to avoid the annoyance of monthly statements, and the risk of penalty, you may do so by making payments in advance. The city clerk will receive checks for sums of three dollars or more and credit the customer's account with same. When the credit is exhausted the customer will be notified.

A. S. PEACOCK, City Clerk.

Harsh physics react, weaken the bowels, cause chronic constipation. Doan's Regulets operate easily, tone the stomach, cure constipation. 25 cents. Ask your druggist for them.

E. Mooseman returned home the first of the week much improved in health.

A small but appreciate audience greeted the High School play at the Court house Thursday evening.

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HEROES HONORED DECORATION DAY

The Blue and the Gray Eulogized by Speakers and Remembered by Both Young and Old.



THE LITTLE GREEN TENTS.

THE little green tents where the soldiers sleep, and the sunbeams play and the women weep, are covered with flowers today; and between the tents walk the weary few who were young and stalwart in 'sixty two, when they went to the war away. The little green tents are built of sod, and they are not long, and they are not broad, but the soldiers have lots of room; and the sod is part of the land they saved, when the flag of the enemy darkly waved, the symbol of dole and doom. The little green tent is a shrine, where patriots kneel and pray, and the brave men left, so old, so few, were young and stalwart in 'sixty two, when they went to the war away.

—WALT MASON.

Wa-Keeney and Trego county were blessed with more favorable weather for the observance of Memorial and Decoration days than the south and eastern part of the state, where it rained throughout the day Monday and in many places the exercises were postponed indefinitely.

The weather condition here both Sunday and Monday was ideal for the indoor and outdoor exercises, warm and pleasant with a cool north wind that was invigorating which seemed to place new life and vigor into everyone.

The Memorial day service at the court house Sunday morning was attended by the usual large and patriotic audience that listened intently to the excellent sermon delivered by Rev. S. L. Allison, who reviewed the history of our nation's conflicts from the beginning of time down to date, our victories and defeats and the hardships endured by the "boys in blue" throughout the long and bitter struggle in order to preserve the Union and free the slaves.

Monday was another beautiful day and the people of Wa-Keeney displayed their patriotic spirit by decorating their homes and business houses with bunting and "Old Glory" was visible everywhere.

Long before the appointed hour for the parade to form the Main street was crowded with people who were anxiously waiting to get in line, march to the cemetery and decorate the graves of their loved ones.

Business was practically suspended throughout the day and at 10:30 the parade formed in line at the court house square and headed by the drum corps

marched to the cemetery, where, then just inside the gates, the commercial club opened ranks, with uncovered heads, stood in the commanding position of the procession, with muffled drums, headed by the old soldiers, silently and reverently, marched, under the command of Marshal Williams, through to the center of the green tent city where the stars and stripes were flying at half mast and where appropriate services were held, conducted by the members of the G. A. R., who were encircled in a hollow square by the Commercial Club, Old Soldiers, Flower Girls and Citizens, after which the graves were decorated and the procession marched back to town.

In the afternoon at 2:30, Decoration day exercises were held at the court house and the attendance was probably the largest that has ever honored the old court room with their presence.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Green, followed with a song by the double quartette and the children's flag drill, both of which were highly appreciated.

Rev. McKean, of Salina, was then introduced, who spoke at some length on the subject of war and peace, with the joy and sorrow that accompany a nation's struggle, and at the close of his address paid a tribute to the surviving members of the G. A. R., who were on the platform to the right of the speaker and were the honored guests of the occasion. The exercises were then closed with the girls' chorus singing National airs and the benediction followed by Rev. Green.

Western Farmers' Meeting.

The invitation is out, all preparations made, even to the killing of the fatted steer, for the biggest farmers' meeting at Hays, June 7 and 8, ever held in Kansas. If the weather is favorable there should be 5,000 people present at the meeting. Five hundred farmers should attend from within driving distance and take their families. Boys by the thousand should be there to see the fine farm and learn of the many agricultural experiments in progress. It will be a part of a farmer boy's education and a fine investment.

A fine program has been prepared—the morning hours for visiting the Station fields and herds and listening to explanations; the barbecue dinner from 12:30 to 2:00; and then from 2:30 to 4:30 addresses on problems of interest to western Kansas. On Tuesday evening lecturers will be given in the Normal school auditorium on educational problems. On Wednesday the same program except there will be no evening meeting.

The citizens of Hays will furnish conveyances to take visitors over to the farm and the Commercial club and the Station authorities will provide the meat, coffee and bread, for a fine dinner. Every county in western Kansas should have a big delegation attend this big meeting, the first annual meeting for western farmers to discuss agricultural subjects. The attendance should certainly reach 5000.

At the service held at the Galloway school house Sabbath afternoon, the session of the Presbyterian church received twelve members, ten of whom had been members elsewhere, four or five denominations represented but there is a growing desire in that community to be actively engaged in Christian work and this was the best place that presented itself and was accepted without opposition with good prospects as others are expected to unite at once. The Sunday school is also rapidly growing with encouraging prospects for the future.

A Statement.

In fairness to all concerned I wish to say that if the people of Trego county desire it, subject to the Republican nomination, I shall be pleased to continue to serve them as Probate Judge.

Respectfully, A. S. PEACOCK.

F. J. Turner, foreman of the Ogallah branch of the State Agricultural college, attended a meeting of the Trego County Institute officers held in Wa-Keeney Saturday afternoon. Mr. Turner reports everything progressing nicely at the Forestry station.

Thomas county is coming to the front this year with a Socialist ticket in the field and many other counties in the state are doing likewise.

Wants The World

The following letter from Rev. W. E. Scott, now of Oberlin, explains itself, and yet while it was not written for publication, we will excuse ourselves like a woman does when she reveals a secret by saying, "its too good to keep," so here goes:

OBERLIN, Kans., May 27, 1910
H. S. GIVLER, Wa-Keeney, Kans.
DEAR SIR:—I have heard of people wanting the whole earth and the moon for a potatoe patch. Mrs. Scott has said nothing about the moon but she insists she wants the "World". She instructs me to send you a dollar that somebody was kind enough to give her, and you will send as much of the World as you can for the amount. Please send it on the installment plan, weekly chunks.

Oberlin has been down in the valley for the last four years. It has been raining some this spring and it may be possible though the town remains in the Sappa Valley it may make a noise that will get out into the hills. But at present if any of the people that can not rent houses in Wa-Keeney will come over we can rent them a house. But we will not promise to pay the rent, nor furnish them a job, but the people of this Burg are all Kansans all right and will be right on the ground when the goods arrive.

This is not written for publication but as an evidence of good faith.

Send the World for a period of 52 weeks and oblige.

Yours Truly
W. E. SCOTT.

Last Tuesday afternoon the fire bell sounded the note of warning and upon investigation fire was discovered in the manure pile outside the barn belonging to A. W. Shideler, just northwest of Christ Feller's cement works. The bucket brigade did good service until the fire department arrived and put out the blaze.

Dave Taylor, claim agent for the U. P. was in town Wednesday adjusting claims of those who were in the Tuesday morning wreck east of town. Hays Porter and Carter Brown were wreck victims and settled with the company, each receiving a small amount.

The Ladies of the M. E. church will serve a supper in the Court House basement, Tuesday, June 7th. Everybody invited.

Mathews-Biehler.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place on Wednesday evening, June 1st, 1910, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Biehler, of Bosna, Kans., when their daughter Myma, was United in marriage to Clyde E. Mathews, of Quinter, Kans., by Rev. Harper, of Grainfield, Kans., in the presence of relatives and a friend of the bride, Miss Lola Parker, of Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

At 8 o'clock the sweet strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. G. E. Mathews, sister of bride, sounded, and the couple attended by Miss Mayme, sister of the bride, and Eugene, brother of the bride, took their places under the arch formed of green and white wedding bells, where the impressive ring service united them in holy bonds.

The bride was daintily attired in a white silk Princess and carried a bunch of bride's roses. The bridesmaid wore a gown of Rose-pink Tussah silk and carried carnations and roses. The groom wore the conventional black.

After the ceremony and congratulations a bountiful repast was served in the beautifully decorated dining room to which all did justice.

Many beautiful and useful presents were presented, one being a handsome silver set.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews will reside in Quinter, Kans., where the groom has prepared a beautiful home for the bride.

The World and a host of friends wish the happy couple long life and prosperity.

Do not forget to see E. D. Wheeler if you want a farm loan
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